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1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

said recording medium reproduction/apparatus comprising:

recording means in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

information reading means which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording means and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing means which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading means.

determination means which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing means[[:]]; and

control means which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed.

2. (Original) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code.

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3. (Currently Amended) A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:

recording member in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

information reading member which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording member and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing member which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading member;

determination member which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing member[[:]]; and

control member which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed.

4. (Original) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code.

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5. (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an OSD generating means;

a displaying means;

a reproducing heans, wherein

when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control means generates character signal related to an error signal and a recording media side reproducing restriction information in said OSD generating means, and outputs and displays on said displaying means with superposing on the video signal.

6. (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising;

a receiving means coupled to the outside of said recording medium reproduction apparatus, wherein

when said determination means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control means outputs and displays information on said receiving means and on said display means.

7. (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the recording media side reproduction restriction information is a parental level code.

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8. (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

an OSD generating/member;

a displaying member;

a reproducing member, wherein

when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control member generates character signal related to an error signal and a recording media side reproducing restriction information in said OSD generating member, and outputs and displays on said displaying member with superposing on the video signal.

9) (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

a receiving member coupled to the outside of said recording medium reproduction apparatus, wherein

when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed, said control member outputs and displays information on said receiving member and on said display member.

10. (New) The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the recording media side reproduction restriction information is a parental level code.